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City of Barrie

Final

Parking Ad-hoc Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 9, 2025 | **4:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

PARKING AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Community Safety Committee on November 12, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Duhamel at 4:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Vice-Chair, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Chair, R. Duhamel
Vice-Chair, J. Northcote
T. Gouldson
J. Koutroubis
J. Sidey

STAFF:
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Transportation Engineer Project Delivery, J. MacDonald
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting
Senior Project Manager, B. Gratrix
Supervisor of Growth Management, C. Kitzemetry.

The Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS REVIEW PROCESSES

The Committee discussed the City staff regarding the proposed draft Zoning By-law, emphasizing key elements such as residential parking requirements outlined in site plan and subdivision agreements, minimum garage dimensions for dwellings, and the inclusion of warning clauses related to on-street and private property parking.

The Committee agreed to discuss the site plan and subdivision agreement provisions, specifically those addressing warning clauses for on-street parking restrictions, at the next meeting.

ENFORCEMENT

The Committee reviewed a list of potential initiatives aimed at addressing parking enforcement concerns across the City. The following items were considered and prioritized based on their anticipated impact:

a) Implementation of by-law enforcement at the time of occupancy, prior to the assumption of the subdivision;
b) Proactive by-law enforcement in areas identified as having high volumes of parking complaints;
c) Increase in parking violation fees;
d) Evaluation of ticketing versus increased towing measures;
e) Staff review of the City of Hamilton's parking restrictions and enforcement model.

Following the discussion, the Committee agreed to remove items d) and e) from further consideration. Items a), b), and c) were selected for continued discussion at the next meeting.

The Committee also requested that staff provide a cost-benefit analysis of proactive by-law enforcement in areas with the highest frequency of parking-related complaints.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Committee discussed strategies to address on-street parking concerns throughout the City.

The Committee reviewed the current winter parking restrictions, which prohibit on-street parking during designated months, and considered implementing a year-round prohibition on overnight on-street parking. Staff advised that exemptions are currently in place during Christmas and New Year's to accommodate family gatherings.

The Committee further discussed the potential introduction of a residential permit system to allow overnight on-street parking in specific circumstances, such as household moves or family events.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN